

closing his remarks by offering a small vial containing gold, washed by his own hands, and secured on the ranch owned by his daughter in the state of California, to be bid off to the highest bidder, the proceeds to go the Washington Mission, thro the S. S. C. E. Brother Holsinger suggested that Rev. J. H. Knepper act as auctioneer, which duty he ably performed. After receiving bids to the amount of \$5, Brother Knepper moved, seconded by Brother Cassel, that the conference buy the vial for \$10 and keep the same in the Archives of the State Conference of the Brethren church as a memento of our beloved brother, H. R. Holsinger. Carried. Moved by Brother Holsinger, seconded by Brother Knepper, that the vial be turned over to our treasurer for safe keeping. Carried. At this juncture, and while Brother Knepper, the auctioneer, was trying to raise the amount above \$10 Brother McGregor arose and offered to be one of twenty-five to give \$1. Immediately an interest was developed and thro the subscriptions and basket collections \$40 was raised. This amount was paid over to Mrs. U. M. Beachly, treasurer of the S. S. C. E., and her receipt taken therefor. Owing to the lateness of the hour the balance of the program was suspended for the evening. The moderator made his announcements, congregation sang the doxology, and was dismissed by Moderator Spanogle to meet in session at 8-30 A. M. June 5, 1897.

S. S. C. E.

The Annual Convention of the S. S. C. E., convened at 2 P. M., with President, Mrs. L. E. Meyers in the Chair. Devotional Services were conducted by Mrs. Rev. Haskins. The first number on the program was an address, which was delivered by the President. First in order being the election of officers, the President appointed the following tellers, Mrs. Dr. U. M. Beachly, Mrs. Edith Beachy, and Mrs. Rev. Mackey. The election resulted in the selection of the following officers: Vice President, Mrs. Edith Beachy; Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Parsons; Treasurer, Mrs. Dr. U. M. Beachly.

A bottle containing gold was dedicated to the S. S. C. E. by Elder Holsinger. Elder Holsinger washed this gold with his own hands, and secured it on the ranch owned by his daughter in the State of California. At the two following sessions of Church Conference, the sum of \$50 was realized for the gold, and by action of the conference it was placed in the Archives of the State Conference Brethren church as a memento of our dearly beloved Brother Holsinger. In addition to the above mentioned \$50.00

there was \$20.58 raised by the S. S. C. E., making a total of \$70.58. A paper was read by Mrs. Dr. Beachley on "How may the S. S. C. E. benefit the Sunday-school." The Topic, Should we have Bible study in the church, and what method should be used, was discussed by Mrs. Sell and Mrs. Meyers

A paper on "How can the S. S. C. E. benefit the church" was read by Mrs. Masters. Elder Holsinger read a paper prepared by Sister Nowag on "How can we bring up the young people in the doctrines of the church." This subject was further discussed by Bros. J. C. Cassell and J. B. Wampler. A paper was read by Miss Mabel Buck on "How can the S. S. C. E. benefit the church." Music by the society.

The topic, "How can we aid the cause of missions" was freely discussed by Mrs. Rev. Mackey, Miss Effie Brumbaugh and others. Select reading by Miss Florence Meyers. The tabulated report of the S. S. C. E. was then read by the secretary. A motion was made by Mrs. J. E. Parsons, seconded by Bro. Cassell, that a committee of three be appointed to write to the different presidents of the S. S. C. E. Societies to solicit one dollar each per month, for the benefit of the Washington Mission. Motion carried. The Chair appointed Mrs. Rev. Mackey, Miss Lottie Brumbaugh and Mrs. Sell on this committee. A free will offering was taken amounting to \$4.88. Society adjourned.

At a special meeting of the society, called by President Mrs. L. E. Meyers, a motion was made by Mrs. Edith Beachy, seconded by Mrs. Rev. Mackey, that the S. S. C. E. have a salestable at the National Conference to be held at Johnstown, Pa., August 24-29, 1897. Carried. A motion was made by Mrs. Dr. Beechley, seconded by Mrs. Masters, that each society send five cents per member to the state treasurer on or before our next State Convention, by order of the state officers. Motion was carried. A motion was made and carried, that the minutes of the S. S. C. E. be forwarded to the BRETHREN EVANGELIST for publication. The treasurer made her report as follows:

Sale of bottle containing gold,	\$50.00
Subscriptions received by Mrs. Dr. Beechley,	11.00
Amount voted to Secretary, J. E. Parsons, of church conference,	5.00
Free will offering,	4.58
Total receipts,	\$70.58
Amount placed in envelope for Elder H. R. Holsinger,	\$10.00
Amount placed in envelope for Sister H. R. Holsinger,	6.00
Amount sent to Rev. W. N. Lynn, of the Washington Mission,	50.00

Total expenditures,	\$66.00
Balance in hands of Treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Beechley,	4.58
Minutes were approved.	

MRS. L. E. MEYERS, Pres.

MRS. J. E. PARSONS, Sec'y.

THIRD SESSION

Convened at 8:40 A. M., with Moderator Spanogle in the chair. Opened services with singing by the congregation and prayer by Brother Wampler. The minutes of the former session were read and approved. Brother Knepper, by request of some of the ladies of the S. S. C. E., offered the following motion, seconded by Brother Mackey, which received the sanction of the convention, *i. e.*: That the State Conference pay over to the treasurer of the S. S. C. E. the sum of \$10.00; \$5.00 of this amount to be applied to the Washington Mission, and the balance to some other cause.

Brother Mackey made a statement as to the condition of the Holsinger fund, pledged at the Salisbury State Conference, as follows:

Amount pledged,	\$126.00
Paid to Brother Holsinger,	72.00
Bal. due—all considered "good,"	54.00

Not having sufficient time to take up "Queries," the Moderator dismissed the committee thanking them for the work they had done. Singing by the congregation. Next on the program were the reports of the Mission Board and State Secretary. Owing to the absence of State Treasurer Trent, the secretary was instructed to read his report, showing receipts since September 19, 1896, to May 31, 1897, to be \$175.18. Expenditures during the same period, \$175.05, leaving a balance May 31, 1897, of thirteen cents in the hands of the treasurer. Moved by Brother Knepper, seconded by Brother Wampler, that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The secretary of the State Board of Missions, Rev. R. Z. Replogle, read his report, showing amount passing through the hands of the treasurer to be \$170.43, and received at this convention, \$103.86, making a total of \$274.29. * Estimated debts of the board \$71.72, leaving a balance of \$32.27 in the hands of the treasurer. In addition to this, \$117.06 passed through the hands of brother I. D. Bowman, as field secretary, making the total receipts \$395.35 and total expenditures \$363.08; balance on hand, \$32.27. Moved by Brother Cassel, seconded by Brother Meyers, that the report be adopted. Carried. Moved by Brother Mackey, seconded by Brother Bowman, that the Mission Board be directed to pay brother R. Z. Replogle the sum of \$8.00 for rent paid